

Canada 200

It's Canada's 200th birthday, Canada's 200th birthday, Canada's 200th BIRTHDAY!

We did it! Man, oh, man, we did it!

We're number one!--We're number one!--(sorry, America)--We're number one!

Our Canada 200 actually started in 2017, on Canada's 150th birthday.

And it all began with a poster that read:

CANADA 150 IS A CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS GENOCIDE

Well, that scared the...bejeezus out of us.

We abhorred the reality of our collective past.

But we couldn't shake it.

And then we chose not to. Isn't that cool? Cool, like after a sun-shower in June with a zephyr freshening our Hudson's Bay shorts.

So, what **did** we do? As if I have to tell you, my fellow hose-heads! But for those who don't know...

We sat down with each and every Native Canadian tribe and...talked.

We talked about: the many broken Treaty Agreements; Residential Schools; the Oka Resistance; Reservations; the Alberta Tar Sands; Grassy Narrows; the Potlatch ban; the Legal system; poor education; suicide, and addiction problems.

No issue was left unearthed. And it was painful for all Canadians. But the pain subsides and genuine healing begins when the goal of an honest-to-goodness future is foreseeable.

We dealt fairly with treaties and the reparations flowed. The land was divvied up but not divided. Many new sovereign lands were created within each province.

Canada had reached a real peace with its Indigenous peoples. **We** did it!

We've become a beacon: of hope; of possibilities; and of reality. Go Canada!

Native culture was finally understood and respected: Canada matured. We learned a vital lesson; we need the Earth, it doesn't need us. African animism, Eastern philosophies, and Native spirituality teaches us that we are Nature. And Science confirms it! Need wins, exploitation lessens & we triumph! All of us!



Will America, New Zealand, Australia and Israel take notice? We hope they do.

And now, 50 years later, there's Red where there should *always* have been: in municipal, provincial & federal Governments, and in the RCMP. And the pièce de résistance? --gotta throw some French in there, mon frère--is our Prime Minister is Melissa Clear Sky. Seriously, isn't that the most inspiring name you've ever heard, like, ever?! So cool, right?!

We did it, everyone! And as Red Green advised, we kept our sticks on the ice, eh!



Now, let's get wild on a ski-doo with Bon Homme, *Mike from Canmore*, the Littlest Hobo & Buffy St. Marie! I'll bring the Screech! Who's bringing the back bacon?!

Foods for Canada 200:

Cabbage rolls and coffee; Red Rose Tea; Maple syrup; Saskatchewan Lentils; Jamaican patties; Jerk chicken; Poutine; Split pea soup; Oka cheese; Meats: game, moose, seal; Pies: Saskatoon berry & Rappie; Perogies; Fish 'n' Chips; B.C. Spot Prawns; Icewine; Pizza; Bok Choy; Butter tarts; Kraft Dinner; Bannock; Pemmican; Cod Tongue; Curry; Coffee Crisp; Ketchup Chips; Tortillas; Montreal Smoked Meat; Crab-apple wine & juice; and "Double-Doubles."



And we gotta get tons & tons a 2-4 from every Lord Tunderin' Jesus nation on the planet!!